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Mansfield Board of Education Meeting January 19, 2023 DRAFT Minutes	
Attendees:	Susannah Everett, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, Edith Allison, David Litrico (electronically), April Morin, Katherine Paulhus, Jeannette Picard, Kelly Zimmermann
Absent:	Kathy Ward, Chair

The public may view the meeting live at <https://mansfieldct.gov/video>.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Ms. Everett.

Ms. Allison read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Morin, seconded by Ms. Picard to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022, Regular Meeting. Vote: Motion passed with Mrs. Paulhus in abstention.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Board received an email from Barb and Nate Stebbins and an email from Jan van de Mortel.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS TO THE PRESENT AGENDA: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ms. Everett indicated the Finance Committee met this evening to discuss the contingency and FY 2022/23 salary budget transfers and the Board will vote on the transfers this evening via the consent agenda.

INFORMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS:

Superintendent Dart gave his report comprised of Covid-19 and bus updates, including the first-ever MES Hero Award recipient - M&J bus driver Mr. Chang, the amended 22-23 school calendar, MMS roof project and MES building project updates, and a description to refresh the Board on the purpose, goals and focus of the Director of Teaching and Learning.

Candace Morell, Director of Teaching & Learning, presented a detailed update along with contributions from Mike DiCicco, Math Curriculum Consultant, Hope Mulholland, Technology Integrationist, and Carly Paine, English/Language Arts Consultant.

Ms. Everett introduced the 2022-2023 Board of Education Policy Updates which were discussed at the December meeting. Superintendent Dart shared a proposed edit to the personnel section and Mrs. Kelly requested further editing to clarify the intent of the policy statement. Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Morin to adopt the 2022-2023 Proposed Policy Updates, including the additional wording and punctuation discussed. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Ms. Everett explained the Board needs to vote on Cherie Trahan becoming an authorized signer with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). Motion by Mr. Litrico, seconded by Ms. Allison to authorize Cherie Trahan, Interim Finance Director as the designated representative for the district to sign the Agreement for Child Nutrition programs and other documents as required by CSDE. This designation replaces the authorization previously held by Charmaine Bradshaw-Hill. Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

Superintendent Dart presented his introduction to the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget, explaining the new layout as well as details regarding the history, process and drivers of the budget.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Mrs. Paulhus raised concern about the emotional status of our students. Superintendent Dart indicated the Report of Progress 'Support the Whole Child' will be provided during the February regular meeting.

Mrs. Paulhus requested an elaboration on physical activity versus down time of the students.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Allison, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann the following items be approved.

That the Mansfield Public Schools Board of Education approves the FY 2022/23 Salary Budget Transfers.

Vote: Unanimous in favor and motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Ms. Picard, seconded by Ms. Zimmermann to go into Executive Session and invite Superintendent Peter Dart for the purpose of discussing evaluation options for the Superintendent's contract. The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:56pm and returned to regular session at 9:29pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Ms. Picard to adjourn at 9:30pm. Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jil Corso, Board Clerk